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Title: TISSUE FORMATION BY INJECTING A CELL-POLYMERIC  
SOLUTION THAT GELS IN VIVO

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This **Response to Office Action** is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 1999, rejecting claims 1-9, 11, 12, and 14-22. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 4,642,120 to Nevo, *et al.*, 5,041,138 to Vacanti, *et al.*, 5,799,854 to Griffith-Cima, *et al.*, and 5,667,778 to Atala, *et al.*, 1992 Annual Meeting, Section on Urology, October 10-12, 1992. The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

**Amendment**

Please amend the claims as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are enclosed in brackets):

Claim 11. Please delete "implantable medical device" in line 1 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 11. Please delete "device" in line 2 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 12. Please delete "composition" in line 1 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 14. Please delete "composition" in line 1 and insert --implant -- therefor.